

UNCERTAINTIES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY TRANSFERS THROUGH THE END-TO-END SYSTEM (UNITES)

THE UNITES TEAM YEAR 1 OVERVIEW

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Environmental Uncertainty and Its Effect on Sonar Performance -- UNITES Team -- Outline of Presentation

Scientific Overview: Robinson

- End-to-End Concept

- PRIMER End-to-End Formulation

- Theoretical Approaches

Sonar Performance Predictions Incorporating Environmental Variability: Abbot

- Systems Implications -- ECS Passive Example

- ECS TL Fluctuations

PRIMER Efforts

- Physical Oceanography: Gawarkiewicz

- TL Fluctuations: Lynch (Abbot)

- Shelfbreak PRIMER TL Estimates and Statistics: Chiu

- Coupled Data Assimilation: Lermusiaux

ECS Efforts

- Reverberation Statistics: Pulli

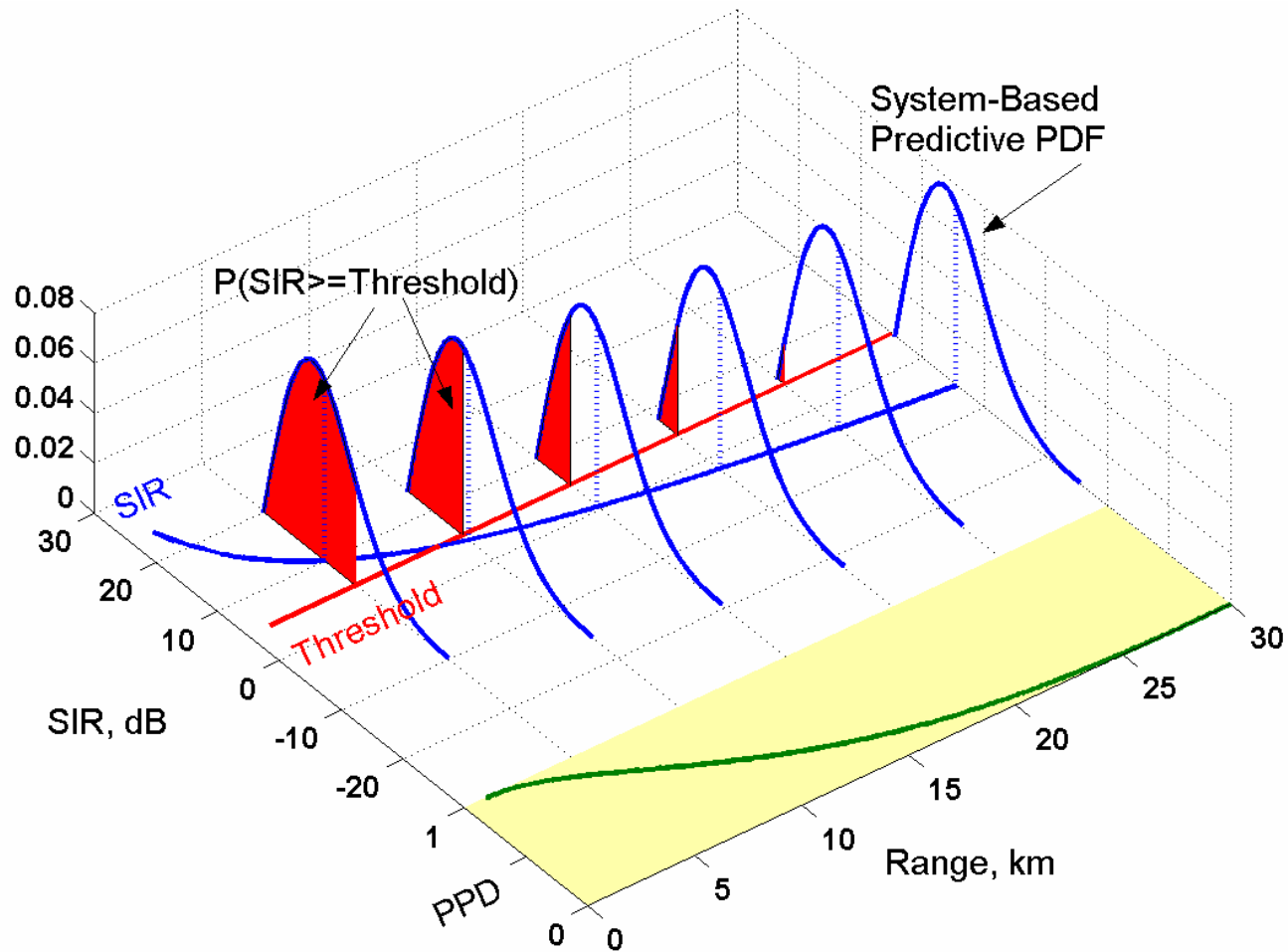
- ECS Bottom Uncertainty: Bartec

- INSERT ARR's TALK

Sonar Performance Predictions Incorporating Environmental Variability

- System Implications -- ECS Passive Example
- ECS TL Fluctuations

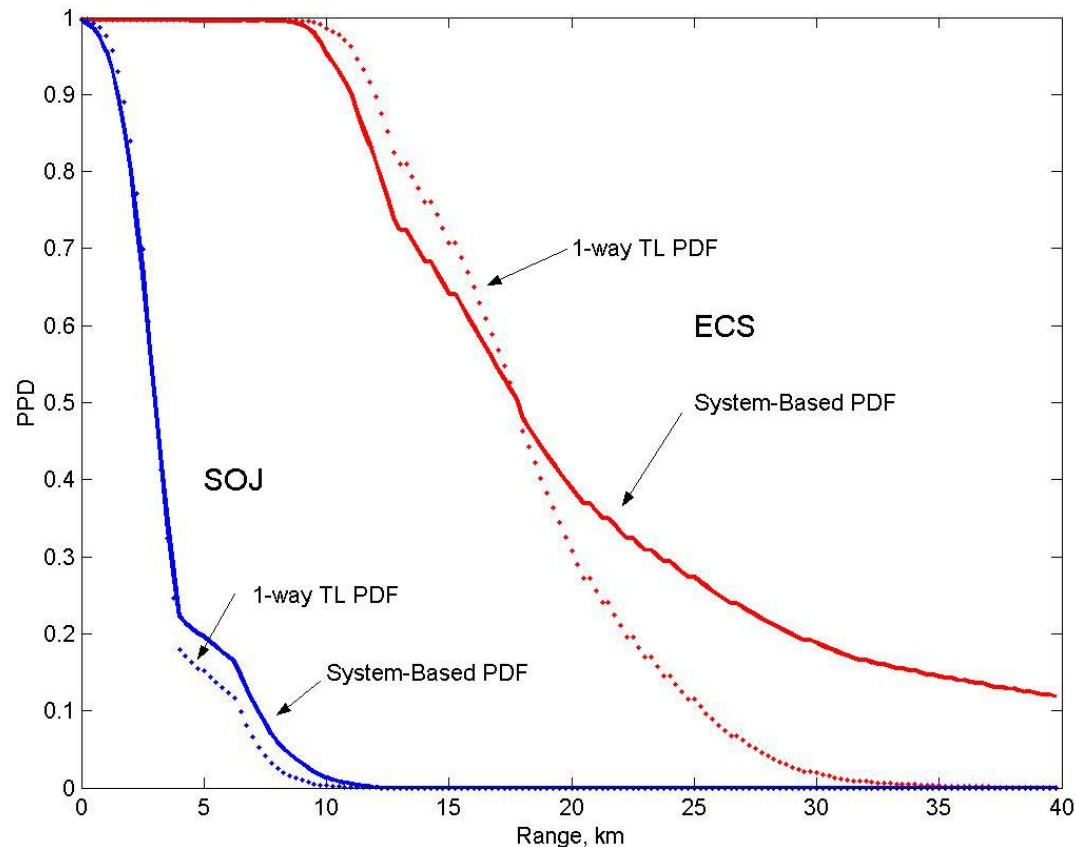
Illustration of probabilistic system performance prediction using System-Based Environmental PDF which incorporates environmental uncertainty



Predictive probability of detection (PPD) for simulated passive system, ECS and SOJ

(downward refracting sound speed conditions)

FOM = 65 dB, 400 Hz, BW=282 Hz, T=640 msec



Systems-Based PDF Assumptions:

Ls -- Log normal, $\sigma = 3$ dB

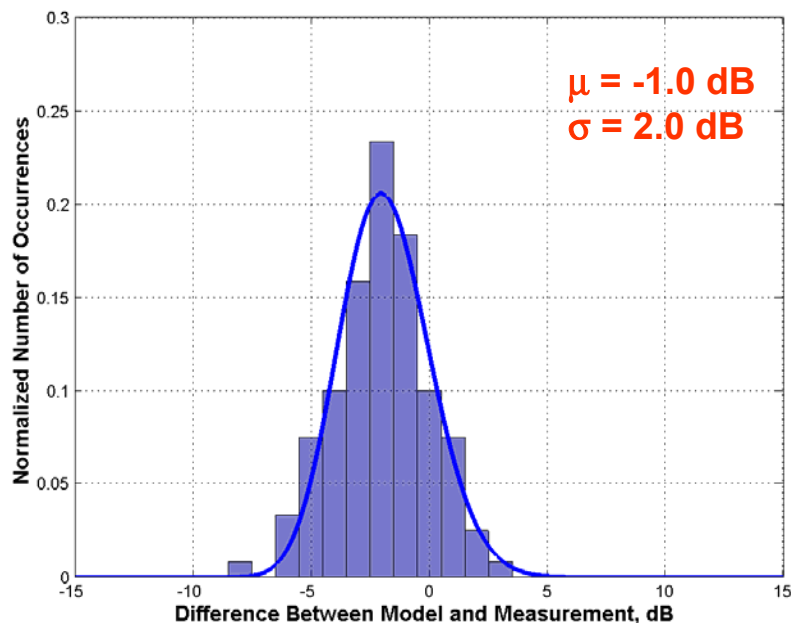
Ln -- Uniformly distributed in angle, phase-random in TBW, $\sigma = 0.4$ dB

Nrd -- Delta function

1-way TL PDFs -- Measured

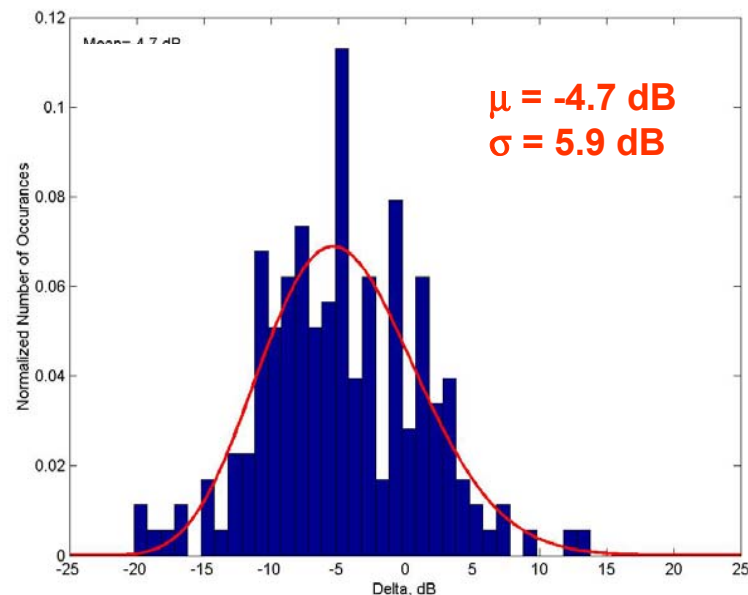
**Measured 1-Way TL Environmental PDF, ECS and SOJ,
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400 Hz, BW = 282 Hz, T = 640 msec, R ≤ 40km**

ECS



10 Tracks (4 directions)
PDF around 1 model

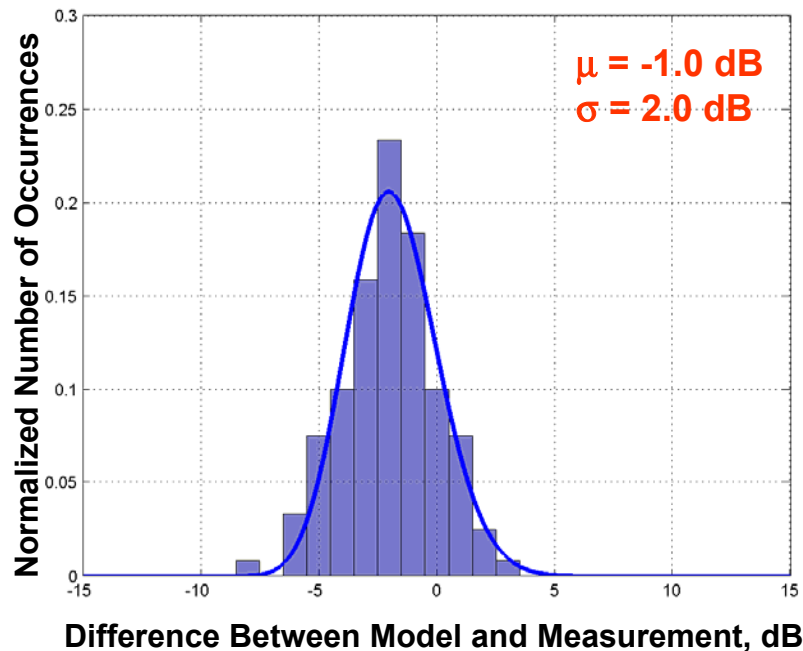
SOJ



15 Tracks (5 directions)
PDF around 5 indiv models

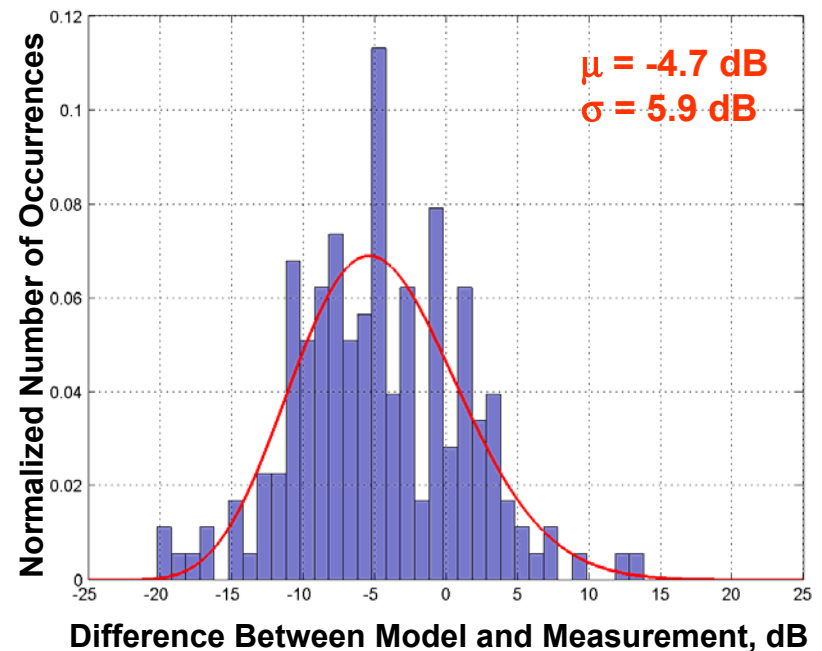
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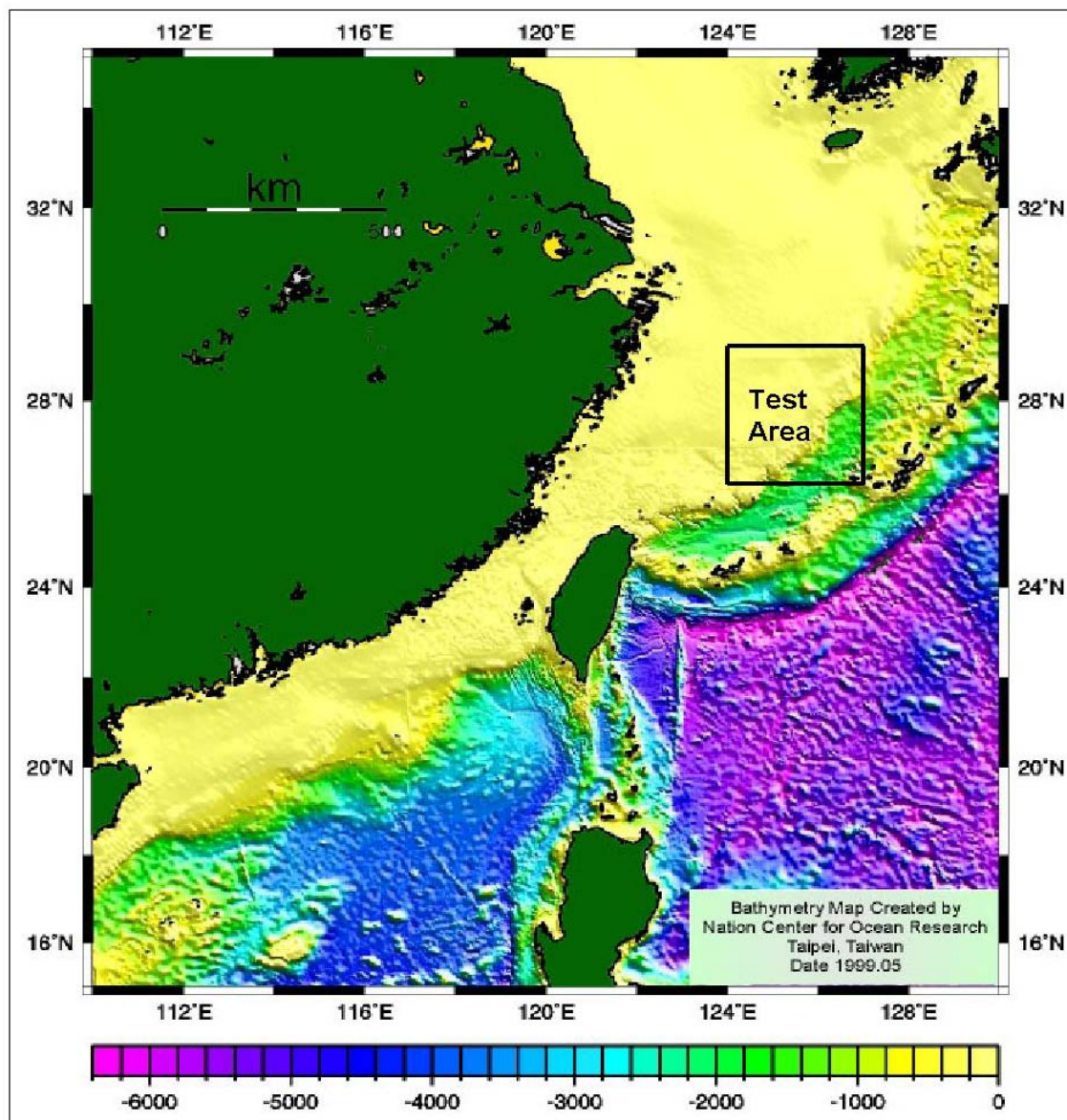
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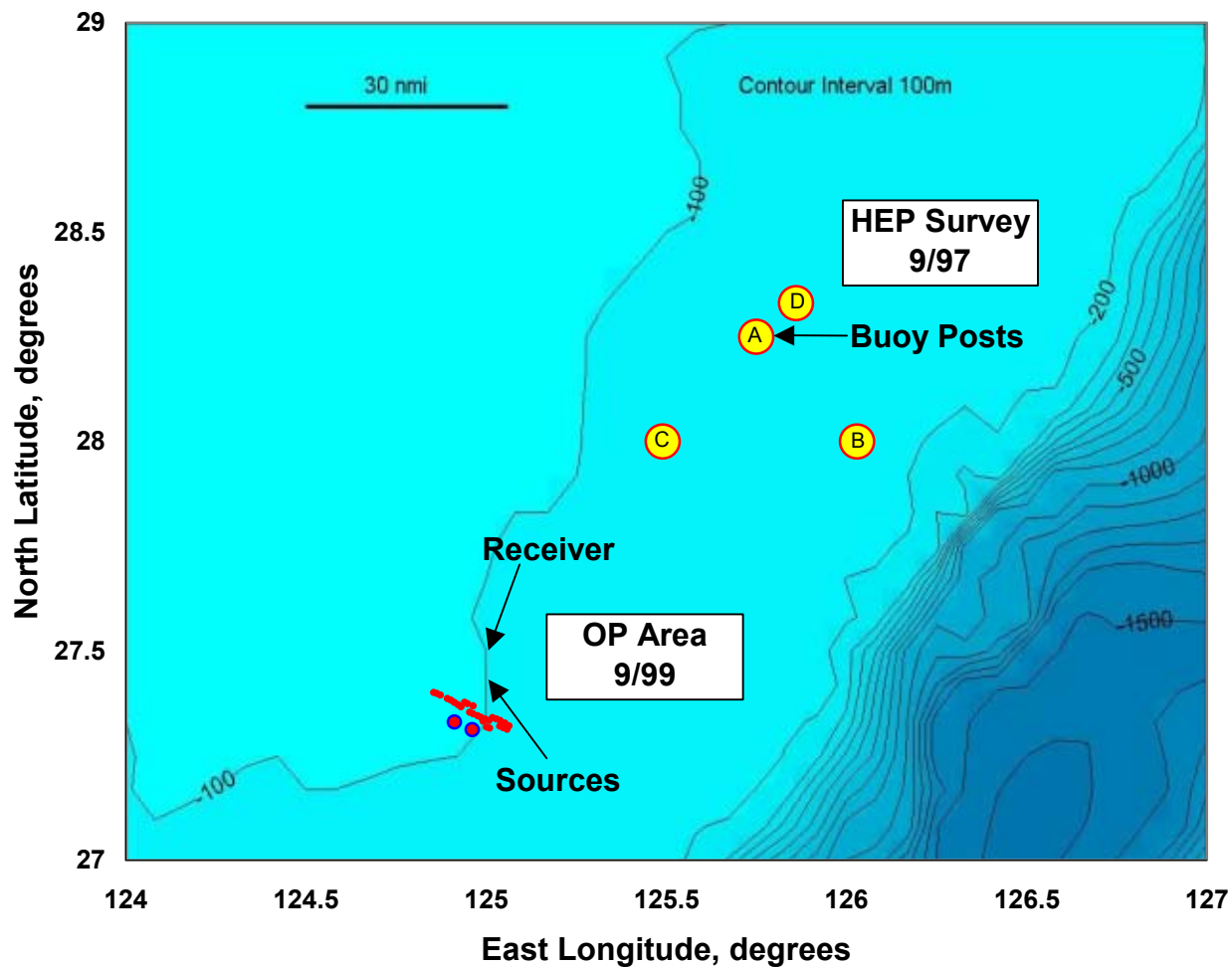


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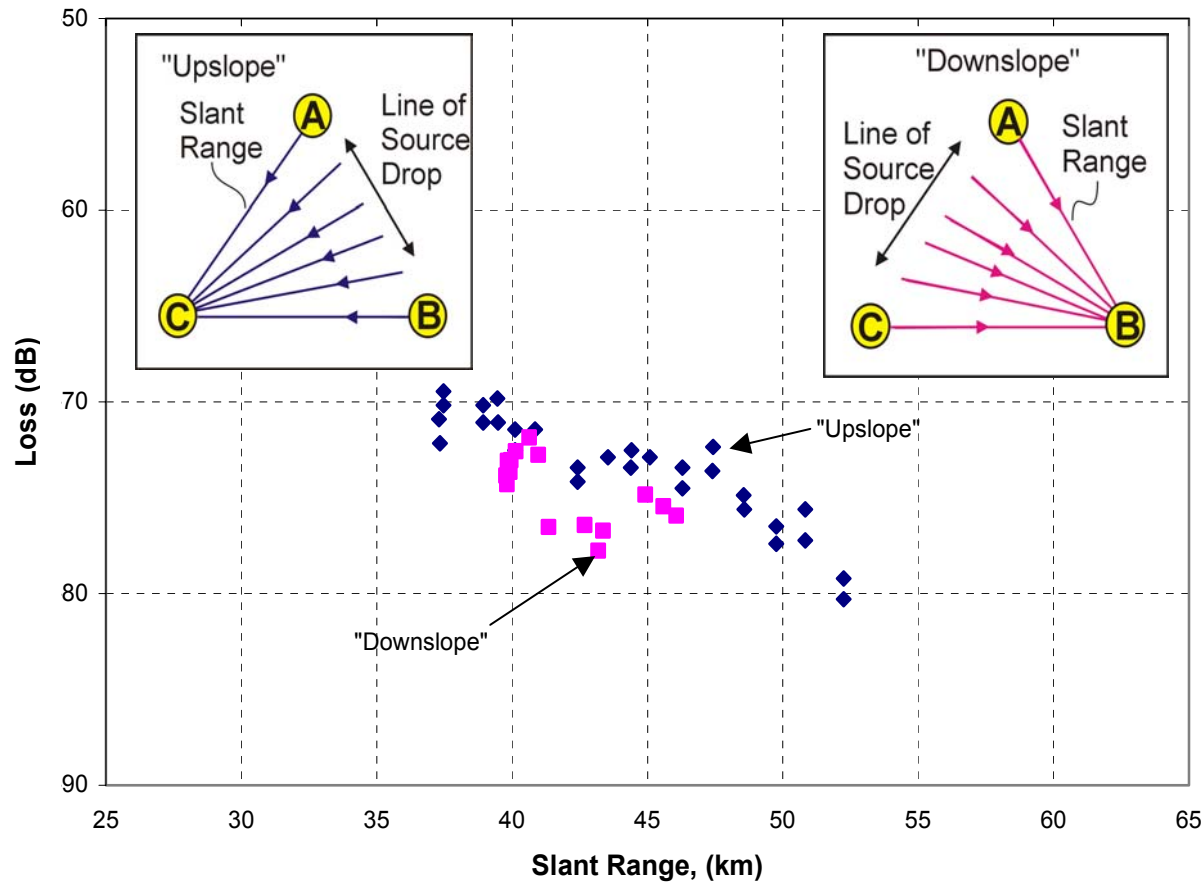
ECS Area of Present Focus

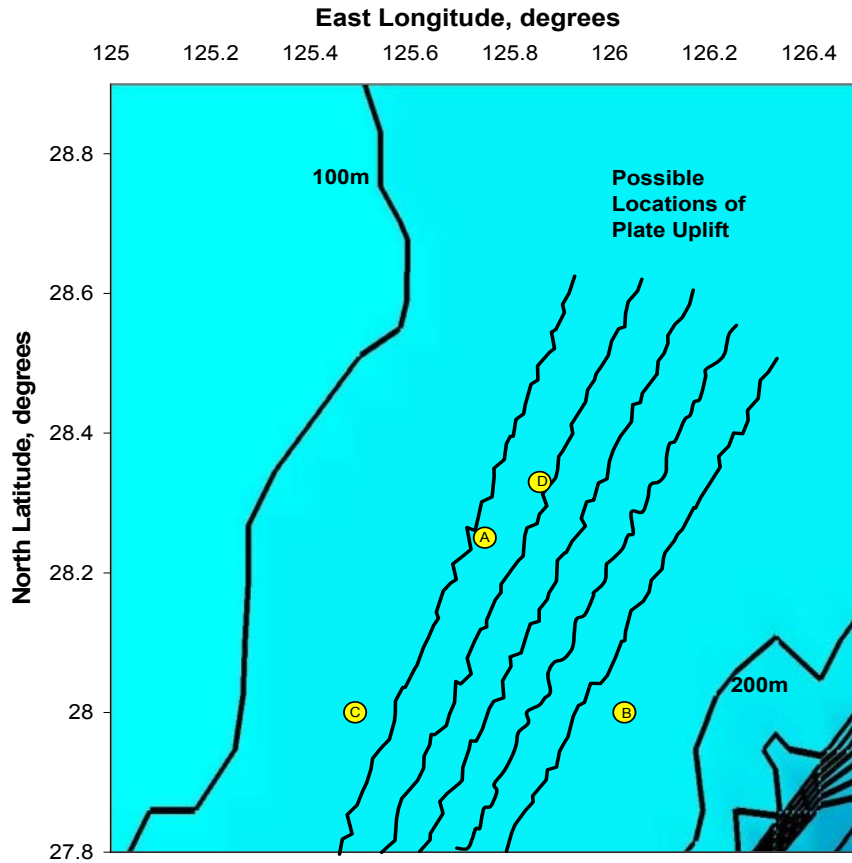


Blow-up of Area



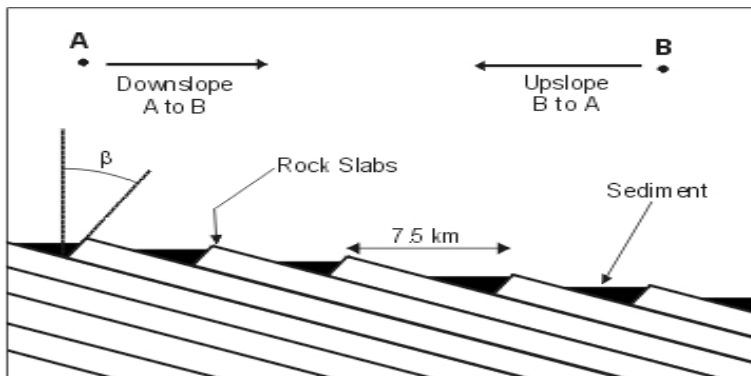
ECS Measured TL vs. Slant Range





Hypothetical Bottom Consistent with TL Data

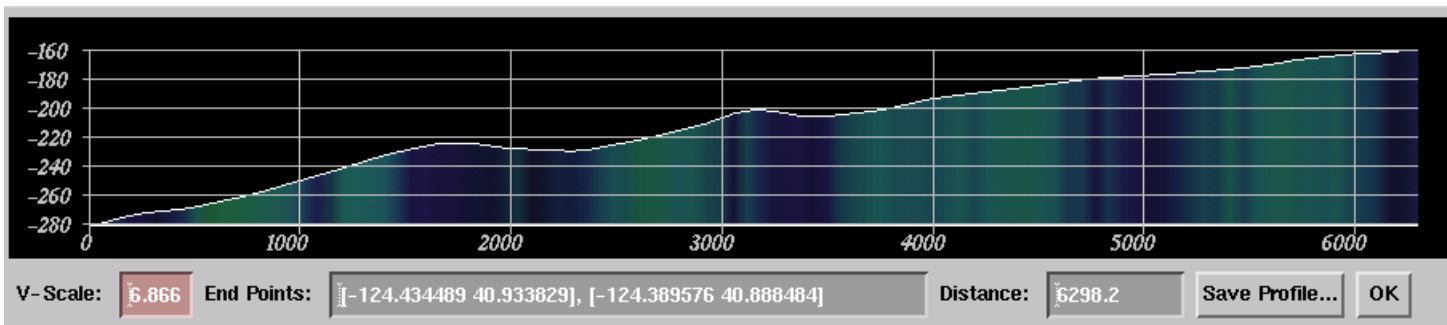
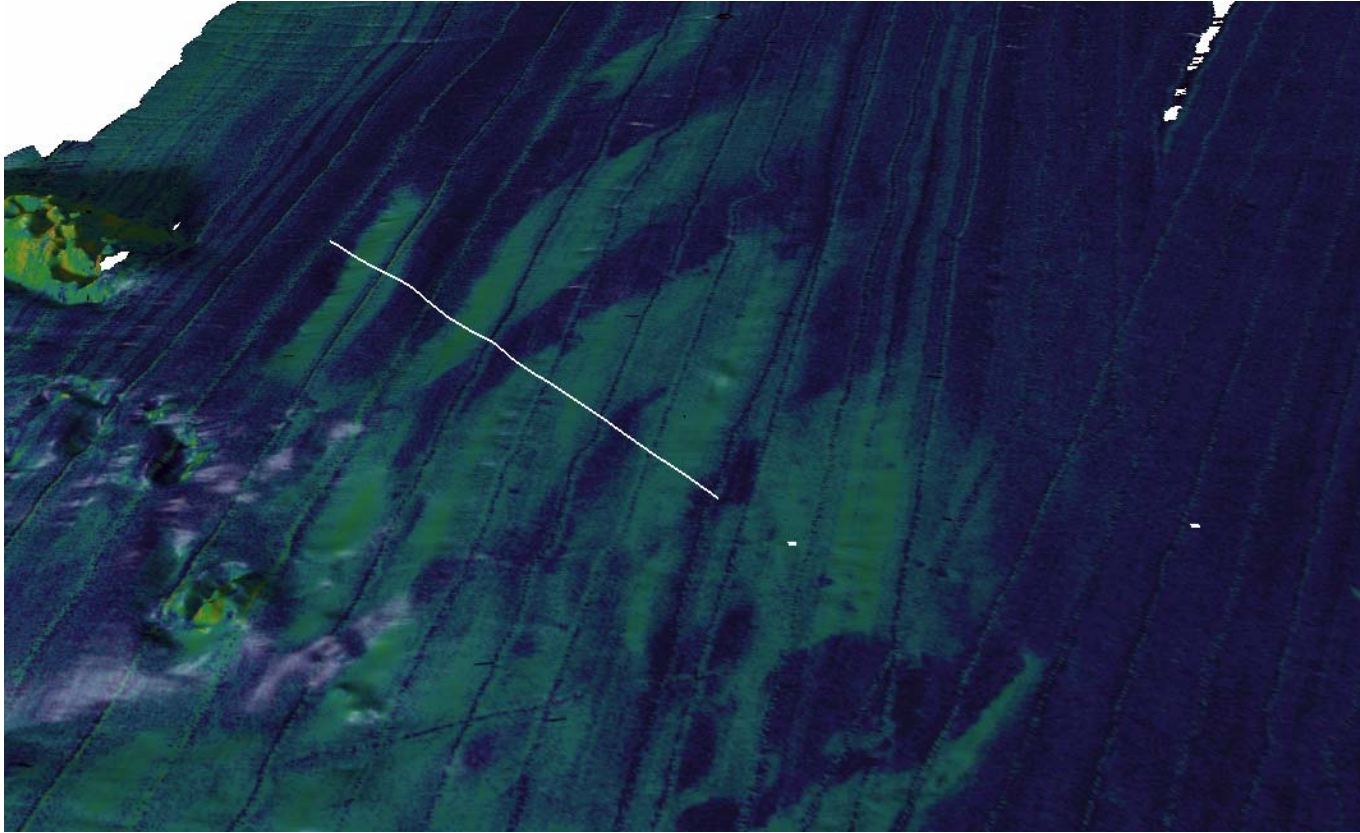
Plan View



Elevation View

Example of Ridged Bottom, Oregon Coast

From L. Mayer, UNH



Conclusions

- **Systems Implications**

- All classes of variability affect the PPD
 - Environmental (TL, Ambient Noise and Reverberation)
 - Non-Environmental (Ls, TS, self-noise, Nrd)
- Some environments less sensitive than others
- Variability controls the slope of PPD
- PPD provides operator with basis for trading detection performance with mission objectives

Conclusions (Continued)

- **ECS TL Fluctuations** -- Although ECS TL is small,
 - Directional propagation effects exist
 - Measured TL variability limited by bottom complexities, for ECS summer environment

UNITES Happenings

- **Acoustic Variability Conference, Italy, Sep. 02**
 - Abbot and Dyer, Sonar performance predictions based on environmental variability
 - Abbot, Gedney, Dyer and Chiu, Ambient noise and signal uncertainties during the Summer shelfbreak Primer Exercise
 - Duda, Relative influences of various environmental factors on 50-1000 Hz sound propagation in shelf and slope areas
 - Lermusiaux and Chiu, Four-dimensional data assimilation for coupled physical-acoustical fields
 - Lynch, Fredricks, Colosi, Gawarkiewicz, Newhall, Chiu and Orr, Acoustic effects of environmental variability in the SWARM, PRIMER and ASIAEX experiments
 - Robinson, Abbot, Lermusiaux, and Dillman, Transfer of uncertainties through physical-acoustical-sonar end-to-end systems: a conceptual basis
- **Meetings**
 - Seabed Variability and MIT Uncertainty Teams at OASI S -- Feb. 02
 - COMSUBDEVRON12 - April 02
 - Sensor Optimization Working Group - Oct. 01
 - COMSUBPAC - Oct. 01

UNITES Happenings (Continued)

- **Other Publications/Presentations**

- Abbot, Celuzza, Dyer, Gomes, Fulford and Lynch, Effects of East China Sea shallow water environment on acoustic propagation, Submitted for IEEE JOE
- F. Bahr, G. Gawarkiewicz, K. Brink, R. Beardsley, M. Caruso, Response of the Shelfbreak Front to Strong Wind Forcing during the Winter PRIMER Experiment, Ocean Sciences Meeting, Hawaii, Feb. 2002
- G. Gawarkiewicz, F. Bahr, K. Brink, R. Beardsley, M. Caruso, J. Lynch, C.-S. Chiu, A large amplitude meander of the shelfbreak front in the Middle Atlantic Bight: Observations from the Summer PRIMER Experiment, Manuscript submitted to Journal of Physical Oceanography, April 2002
- C. Linder, G. Gawarkiewicz, and R. Pickart, Seasonal variations in the detachment of the bottom boundary layer in the Shelfbreak Front, Middle Atlantic Bight Physical Oceanography and Meteorology Workshop, U. Connecticut, October, 2001
- Rasmussen, G. Gawarkiewicz, K. Buessler, M. Charrette, W. B. Owens, and S. Lozier, Radiochemical Evidence for Boundary Current Transport in the Middle Atlantic Bight, Ocean Sciences Meeting, Hawaii, Feb. 2002

OASIS Work In Progress

- Formulation of End-to-End Problem (HU)
- PRIMER Ambient Noise and TL Fluctuations (NPS/WHOI)
- ECS Active Sonar End-to-End Problem
 - ambient noise
 - reverberation
 - false alarm
- ECS TL Fluctuations